

HENRY DAVIS Interview
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| <u>Time</u> | <u>Topic</u> |
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| 0:00 | Introduction. |
| 0:29 | Early life in Haskell, Oklohoma. |
| 2:47 | Family move to California. |
| 5:56 | Family trip to Washington and California in a ton-and-a-half truck with thirteen people. |
| 7:23 | First impressions of Perkins area in 1940 when family first arrived. |
| 8:51 | Henry used to bicycle every morning to Sacramento High School which was about 8 miles each way. |
| 9:12 | He remembers seriously fearing going to school with black people. |
| 10:32 | He doesn't remember having to adjust a great deal to school here compared to Oklahoma or Washington. |
| 11:18 | First job on Ross Hop Ranch in Perkins. |
| 12:20 | Employment chain of Oklahomans at Ross Ranch. |
| 12:50 | Women did work in the harvesting of hops. |
| 13:15 | Description of work on hop ranches. |
| 15:13 | Does not remember music on the ranches. |
| 15:54 | Remembers fighting two days after arrival because some boys called him an "Okie." |
| 16:50 | Doesn't remember much prejudice. |
| 17:48 | Job as manager of hop ranch in Sloughhouse. |

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| 19:00 | Service in the military, 1943-45. |
| 20:30 | Sloughhouse hop ranch work. |
| 21:34 | Doesn't remember southerners making sub-regional distinctions among themselves. |
| 23:10 | He couldn't distinguish speech patterns particularly; He couldn't distinguish by simply seeing someone on the street. |
| 24:40 | Southern cooking styles were brought here and maintained. He still enjoys those foods. He had to adjust to his present wife's non-Southern style of cooking. |
| 26:35 | Describes his work at Davis' Market at Sloughhouse for a six-month period. |
| 27:33 | Describes customers and members of other ethnic groups in the Sloughhouse area. |
| 28:30 | Describes shipping hops elsewhere from Sacramento. |
| 29:26 | He sold store to his brother and father; The store stayed in the family until 1979. |
| 30:39 | End Side A |

Side B

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| 0:00 | Davis' Sloughhouse Grocery Store. |
| 1:00 | Work as a lumberhand at New Home Building Supply Co. |
| 1:24 | Work as a realtor; Since 1974 has been working for a private, non-profit, federally-funded corporation which aids rural families in building their own homes. |

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4:07 Oklahoma traditions he continues here are hunting and fishing.

4:45 Dances at Will's Point on Auburn Boulevard during the late 1940s and early 1950s.

7:58 He likes Sacramento; Though he lives in the city he continues to associate with people in rural areas.

9:50 Henry is satisfied with his success; credits it to more affluent times rather than California, per se.

11:15 Doesn't recall being without food when growing up.

12:03 The entire family continues to can fruits and vegetables here -- a tradition he remembers his family bringing with them from Oklahoma.

14:00 Important values from his childhood: close family, high moral standard, hard work ethic.

16:11 Changes in educational levels in his family and educational expectations.

18:05 END OF INTERVIEW